I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United Attorney Docket No.: States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: RECEIVED Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 OCT 25 2000 Oct. 20, 2000 ETRIX, INC. Maitina Placed TECH SEMMER MATTHERS AFFYMETRIX, INC. IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TECH CENTER 1600 A. Marschel In re application of: Examiner: 1631 Chee et al. Art Unit: Application No.: 08/856,376 RESPONSE Filed: May 14, 1997 For: POLYMORPHISMS IN HUMAN MITOCHONDRIAL DNA **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2000, applicants hereby submit the following response. In the Claims Please amend the claims as follows (for the examiner's convenience, unamended claims have been included in smaller font.)

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1. (Amended) A segment of human mitochondrial DNA or RNA of between 10 and 100 bases including any one of the polymorphic sites shown in Table 1, wherein the polymorphic site within the segment is occupied by a base other than the base shown in Table 1, column 3 ("asn base") or the complement of the segment.

2. Canceled.

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